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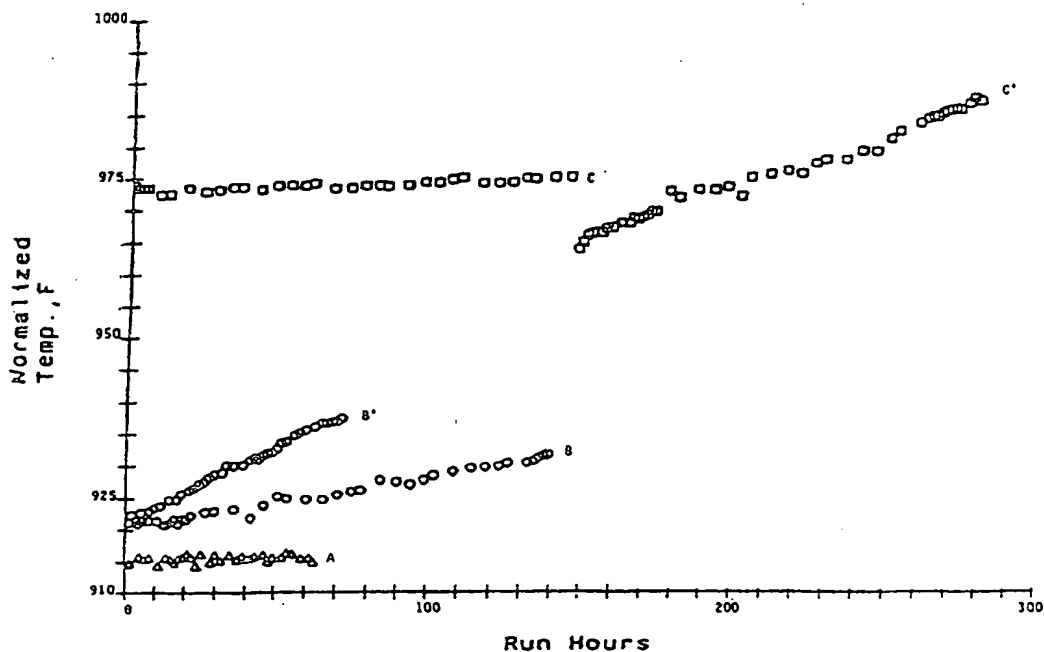
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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to new crystalline zeolite SSZ-42 prepared by processes for preparing crystalline molecular sieves, particularly large pore zeolites, using an organic templating agent selected from the group consisting of N-benzyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cations and N-benzyl-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cations.

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## ZEOLITE SSZ-42

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTIONField of the Invention

The present invention relates to new crystalline zeolite SSZ-42 prepared using an N-benzyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation or N-benzyl-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation templating agent, and hydrocarbon conversion processes using SSZ-42 as a catalyst.

State of the Art

In conventional usage the term "molecular sieve" refers to a material having a fixed, open-network structure, usually crystalline, that may be used to separate hydrocarbons or other mixtures by selective occlusion of one or more of the constituents, or may be used as a catalyst in a catalytic conversion process. The term "zeolite" refers to a molecular sieve containing a silicate lattice, usually in association with some aluminum, boron, gallium, iron, and/or titanium. In the following discussion and throughout this disclosure, the terms molecular sieve and zeolite will be used more or less interchangeably. One skilled in the art will recognize that the teachings relating to zeolites are also applicable to the more general class of materials called molecular sieves.

Natural and synthetic crystalline molecular sieves are useful as catalysts and adsorbents. Each crystalline molecular sieve is distinguished by a crystal structure with an ordered pore structure, and is characterized by a unique X-ray diffraction pattern. Thus, the crystal structure

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01 defines cavities and pores which are characteristic of the  
02 different species. The adsorptive and catalytic properties  
03 of each crystalline molecular sieve are determined in part  
04 by the dimensions of its pores and cavities. Accordingly,  
05 the utility of a particular molecular sieve in a particular  
06 application depends at least partly on its crystal  
07 structure.

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09 Because of their unique sieving characteristics, as well as  
10 their catalytic properties, crystalline molecular sieves are  
11 especially useful in applications such as hydrocarbon  
12 conversion, gas drying and separation. Although many  
13 different crystalline molecular sieves have been disclosed,  
14 there is a continuing need for new zeolites with desirable  
15 properties for gas separation and drying, hydrocarbon and  
16 chemical conversions, and other applications.

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18 Crystalline aluminosilicates are usually prepared from  
19 aqueous reaction mixtures containing alkali or alkaline  
20 earth metal oxides, silica, and alumina. Crystalline  
21 borosilicates are usually prepared under similar reaction  
22 conditions except that boron is used in place of aluminum.  
23 By varying the synthesis conditions and the composition of  
24 the reaction mixture, different zeolites can often be  
25 formed.

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27 Organic templating agents are believed to play an important  
28 role in the process of molecular sieve crystallization.  
29 Organic amines and quaternary ammonium cations were first  
30 used in the synthesis of zeolites in the early 1960s as  
31 reported by R. M. Barrer and P. J. Denny in *J. Chem. Soc.*  
32 1961 at pages 971-982. This approach led to a significant  
33 increase in the number of new zeolitic structures discovered  
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01 as well as an expansion in the boundaries of composition of  
02 the resultant crystalline products.

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04 Previously, products with low silica to alumina ratios  
05 ( $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \leq 10$ ) had been obtained, but upon using the  
06 organocations as components in the starting gels, zeolites  
07 with increasingly high  $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  were realized. Some of  
08 these materials are summarized by R. M. Barrer 1982,  
09 *Hydrothermal Chemistry of Zeolites*, New York: Academic  
10 Press, Inc.

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12 Unfortunately, the relationship between structure of the  
13 organocation and the resultant zeolite is far from  
14 predictable, as evidenced by the multitude of products which  
15 can be obtained using a single quaternary ammonium salt as  
16 reported by S. I. Zones et al., 1989, *Zeolites: Facts,*  
17 *Figures, Future*, ed. P. A. Jacobs and R. A. van Santen,  
18 pp. 299-309, Amsterdam: Elsevier Science Publishers, or the  
19 multitude of organocations which can produce a single  
20 zeolitic product as reported by R. M. Barrer, 1989, *Zeolite*  
21 *Synthesis*, ACS Symposium 398, ed. M. L. Occelli and H. E.  
22 Robson, pp. 11-27, American Chemical Society.

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24 Thus, it is known that organocations exert influence on the  
25 zeolite crystallization process in many unpredictable ways.  
26 Aside from acting in a templating role, the organic cation's  
27 presence also greatly affects the characteristics of the  
28 gel. These effects can range from modifying the gel pH to  
29 altering the interactions of the various components via  
30 changes in hydration (and thus solubilities of reagents) and  
31 other physical properties of the gel. Accordingly,  
32 investigators have now begun to consider how the presence of  
33 a particular quaternary ammonium salt influences many of

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01 these gel characteristics in order to determine more  
02 rigorously how such salts exert their templating effects.

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04 U. S. Patent No. 5,194,235, issued March 6, 1993 to Zones,  
05 discloses the use of a templating agent known as  
06 DABCO-C<sub>2</sub>-diquat to prepare the zeolite SSZ-16. This  
07 templating agent has the following formula:

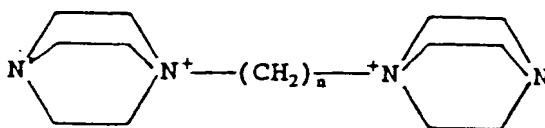
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13 wherein n is 3, 4 or 5.

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15 In summary, a variety of templates have been used to  
16 synthesize a variety of molecular sieves, including zeolites  
17 of the silicate, aluminosilicate, and borosilicate families.  
18 However, the specific zeolite which may be obtained by using  
19 a given template is at present unpredictable. In fact, the  
20 likelihood of any given organocation serving as an effective  
21 template useful in the preparation of a molecular sieve is  
22 conjectural at best. In particular, organocation templating  
23 agents have been used to prepare many different combinations  
24 of oxides with molecular sieve properties, with silicates,  
25 aluminosilicates, aluminophosphates, borosilicates and  
26 silicoaluminophosphates being well known examples.

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#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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30 In accordance with the present invention there is provided  
31 a zeolite having a mole ratio of an oxide selected from  
32 silicon oxide, germanium oxide and mixtures thereof to an  
33 oxide selected from aluminum oxide, gallium oxide, iron  
34 oxide, titanium oxide, boron oxide and mixtures thereof

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01 greater than about 10 and having the X-ray diffraction lines  
02 of Table I.

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04 The present invention also provides a zeolite having an  
05 average pore size diameter greater than about 6 Angstroms  
06 and having the X-ray diffraction lines of Table II.

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08 In accordance with the present invention there is further  
09 provided a zeolite having a composition, as-synthesized and  
10 in the anhydrous state, in terms of mole ratios as follows:

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12  $YO_2/W_2O_3$  Greater than or equal to 15

13  $YO_2/M_2O$  Greater than or equal to 45

14  $YO_2/Q$  10-40

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16 wherein Q is comprised of cations selected from the group  
17 consisting of N-benzyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cations  
18 and N-benzyl-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cations, M is an  
19 alkali metal cation or alkaline earth metal cation, W is a  
20 trivalent atom selected from the group consisting of boron,  
21 aluminum, gallium, iron, titanium, and mixtures thereof  
22 wherein at least 50% of W is boron, and Y is selected from  
23 the group consisting of silicon, germanium, and mixtures  
24 thereof and having the X-ray diffraction lines of Table I.

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26 In accordance with this invention, there is also provided a  
27 zeolite prepared by thermally treating (calcining) a zeolite  
28 having a mole ratio of an oxide selected from silicon oxide,  
29 germanium oxide and mixtures thereof to an oxide selected  
30 from aluminum oxide, gallium oxide, iron oxide, titanium  
31 oxide, boron oxide and mixtures thereof greater than about  
32 10 and having the X-ray diffraction lines of Table I at a  
33 temperature of from about 200°C (392°F) to about 800°C  
34 (1472°F), the thus-treated zeolite having the X-ray

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01 diffraction lines of Table II. The present invention also  
02 includes the hydrogen form of this thus-prepared zeolite,  
03 which hydrogen form is prepared by ion exchanging with an  
04 acid or with a solution of an ammonium salt followed by a  
05 second thermal treatment.

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07 In accordance with the present invention there is also  
08 provided a catalyst comprising the aforesaid hydrogen form  
09 of the zeolite of this invention.

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11 The present invention additionally provides a process for  
12 converting hydrocarbons comprising contacting a  
13 hydrocarbonaceous feed at hydrocarbon converting conditions  
14 with the catalyst of this invention.

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16 Further provided by the present invention is a hydrocracking  
17 process comprising contacting a hydrocarbon feedstock under  
18 hydrocracking conditions with the catalyst of this  
19 invention.

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21 This invention also includes a dewaxing process comprising  
22 contacting a hydrocarbon feedstock under dewaxing conditions  
23 with the catalyst of this invention.

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25 Also included in this invention is a process for increasing  
26 the octane of a hydrocarbon feedstock to produce a product  
27 having an increased aromatics content comprising contacting  
28 a hydrocarbonaceous feedstock which comprises normal and  
29 slightly branched hydrocarbons having a boiling range above  
30 about 40°C (104°F) and less than about 300°C (572°F), under  
31 aromatic conversion conditions with the zeolite of this  
32 invention. Also provided in this invention is such a  
33 process wherein the zeolite contains a Group VIII metal  
34 component.



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01 Also provided by the present invention is a catalytic  
02 cracking process comprising contacting a hydrocarbon  
03 feedstock in a reaction zone under catalytic cracking  
04 conditions in the absence of added hydrogen with a catalyst  
05 comprising the aforementioned hydrogen form of the zeolite  
06 of this invention.

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08 Also included in this invention is such a catalytic cracking  
09 process wherein the catalyst additionally comprises a large  
10 pore crystalline cracking component.

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12 The present invention further provides an isomerizing  
13 process for isomerizing C<sub>4</sub> to C<sub>7</sub> hydrocarbons, comprising  
14 contacting a catalyst, comprising at least one Group VIII  
15 metal and the hydrogen form catalyst of this invention, with  
16 a feed having normal and slightly branched C<sub>4</sub> to C<sub>7</sub>  
17 hydrocarbons under isomerizing conditions.

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19 Also provided is such an isomerization process wherein the  
20 catalyst has been calcined in a steam/air mixture at an  
21 elevated temperature after impregnation of the Group VIII  
22 metal, preferably platinum.

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24 This invention also provides a process for alkylating an  
25 aromatic hydrocarbon which comprises contacting under  
26 alkylation conditions at least a molar excess of an aromatic  
27 hydrocarbon with a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>20</sub> olefin under at least partial  
28 liquid phase conditions and in the presence of the hydrogen  
29 form catalyst of this invention.

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31 This invention additionally provides a process for  
32 transalkylating an aromatic hydrocarbon which comprises  
33 contacting under transalkylating conditions an aromatic  
34 hydrocarbon with a polyalkyl aromatic hydrocarbon under at

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01 least partial liquid phase conditions and in the presence of  
02 the hydrogen form catalyst of this invention.

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04 Further provided by this invention is a process to convert  
05 paraffins to aromatics which comprises contacting paraffins  
06 with the hydrogen form catalyst of this invention, said  
07 catalyst comprising gallium, zinc, lead or indium or a  
08 compound of gallium, zinc, lead or indium.

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10 This invention also provides a process for converting lower  
11 alcohols and other oxygenated hydrocarbons comprising  
12 contacting said lower alcohol or other oxygenated  
13 hydrocarbon with the hydrogen form catalyst of this  
14 invention under conditions to produce liquid products.

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16 This invention also provides a process for isomerizing  
17 olefins comprising contacting said olefin with the catalyst  
18 of this invention in its hydrogen form under conditions  
19 which cause isomerization of the olefin. One example of  
20 such a process is the isomerization of n-butene to  
21 isobutene.

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23 The full scope of the present invention will be apparent to  
24 those familiar with molecular sieve synthesis from the  
25 following detailed description of the principle features of  
26 SSZ-42 and from the examples which accompany the  
27 description.

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29 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

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31 The drawing is a graph showing run hours versus temperature  
32 for a reforming reaction using the catalyst of this  
33 invention (plot A), a commercially available catalyst

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01 (plots B and B') and a platinum-containing cesium beta  
02 zeolite catalyst (plots C and C').

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#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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##### Principle Features

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08 The present invention comprises a family of crystalline  
09 multidimensional large pore zeolites, SSZ-42. As used  
10 herein the term "large pore" means having an average pore  
11 size diameter greater than about 6 Angstroms, preferably  
12 from about 6.5 Angstroms to about 7.5 Angstroms.

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14 SSZ-42 zeolites can be prepared from an aqueous solution  
15 comprising sources of an alkali or alkaline earth metal  
16 oxide, the templating agent, and sources of the desired  
17 trivalent element oxides and tetravalent element oxides. The  
18 reaction mixture should have a composition, in terms of mole  
19 ratios, within the ranges shown in Table A.

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TABLE A  
SSZ-42 REACTION MIXTURE

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	<u>Broad</u>	<u>Preferred</u>
$Y_2O_3/W_2O_3$	5 and greater (to about 100)	15 and greater (to about 100)
$OH-/YO_2$	0.05 to 0.50	0.15 to 0.30
$Q/YO_2$	0.10 to 1.0	0.10 to 0.25
$M+/YO_2$	0.01 to 0.50	0.03 to 0.10
$H_2O/YO_2$	15 to 100	20 to 50
$Q/Q+M^+$	0.50 to 0.95	0.66 to 0.90

wherein Q is comprised of cations selected from the group  
consisting of N-benzyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cations  
and N-benzyl-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cations, M is an  
alkali metal cation or alkaline earth metal cation, W is

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01 selected from the group aluminum, gallium, iron, boron,  
02 titanium and mixtures thereof wherein at least 50% of W is  
03 boron, and Y is selected from the group consisting of  
04 silicon, germanium, and mixtures thereof.

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06 SSZ-42 can be made essentially aluminum free, i.e., having a  
07 silica to alumina mole ratio of  $\infty$ . The term "essentially  
08 alumina-free" is used because it is difficult to prepare  
09 completely aluminum-free reaction mixtures for synthesizing  
10 these materials. Especially when commercial silica sources  
11 are used, aluminum is almost always present to a greater or  
12 lesser degree. The hydrothermal reaction mixtures from  
13 which the essentially alumina-free crystalline siliceous  
14 molecular sieves may be prepared can be referred to as being  
15 substantially alumina free. By this usage is meant that no  
16 aluminum is intentionally added to the reaction mixture,  
17 e.g., as an alumina or aluminate reagent, and that to the  
18 extent aluminum is present, it occurs only as a contaminant  
19 in the reagents. An additional method of increasing the  
20 mole ratio of silica to alumina is by using standard acid  
21 leaching or chelating treatments. However, essentially  
22 aluminum-free SSZ-42 can be synthesized directly using  
23 essentially aluminum-free silicon sources as the only  
24 tetrahedral metal oxide component. SSZ-42 can also be  
25 prepared directly as a borosilicate, or as an  
26 alumino(boro)silicate by first preparing SSZ-42 as a  
27 borosilicate and then substituting aluminum for at least a  
28 portion of the boron by post synthesis treatment of the  
29 borosilicate.

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31 Lower silica to alumina ratios may also be obtained by using  
32 methods which insert aluminum into the crystalline  
33 framework. For example, aluminum insertion may occur by  
34 thermal treatment of the zeolite in combination with an

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01 alumina binder or dissolved source of alumina. Such  
02 procedures are described in U.S. Patent No. 4,559,315,  
03 issued December 17, 1985 to Chang et al., which is  
04 incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

05  
06 SSZ-42 as-synthesized has a mole ratio of tetravalent  
07 element oxides selected from silicon oxide, germanium oxide,  
08 and mixtures thereof to trivalent element oxides selected  
09 from aluminum oxide, gallium oxide, iron oxide, boron oxide,  
10 titanium oxide and mixtures thereof greater than about 10  
11 wherein at least 50% of the trivalent element oxide is boron  
12 oxide; and has the X-ray diffraction lines of Table I below.  
13 SSZ-42 further has a composition, as-synthesized and in the  
14 anhydrous state, in terms of mole ratios indicated in  
15 Table B below.

TABLE B

AS-SYNTHESIZED SSZ-42

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20	$YO_2/W_2O_3$	Greater than or equal to 15
21	$YO_2/M_2O$	Greater than or equal to 45
22	$YO_2/Q$	10-40

23  
24 wherein Q, Y, W and M are as defined above, and wherein at  
25 least 50% of W is boron.

26  
27 It is believed that SSZ-42 is comprised of a new framework  
28 structure or topology which is characterized by its X-ray  
29 diffraction pattern. SSZ-42 zeolites, as-synthesized, have  
30 a crystalline structure whose X-ray powder diffraction  
31 pattern exhibit the characteristic lines shown in Table I  
32 and is thereby distinguished from other known zeolites.

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TABLE I  
AS-SYNTHESIZED SSZ-42

	<u>2Theta</u>	<u>d/n</u>	<u>100 I/I<sub>o</sub></u>
05	8.26	10.70	70
06	9.76	9.05	7
07	16.54	5.355	15
08	19.16	4.628	21
09	20.64	4.300	100
10	21.58	4.115	23
11	21.80	4.074	49
12	23.72	3.748	10
13	23.92	3.717	35
14	24.96	3.565	11
15	25.38	3.506	12
16	26.24	3.393	26
17	26.78	3.326	26
18	29.46	3.030	18

The variation in the scattering angle (two theta) measurements, due to instrument error and to differences between individual samples, is estimated at +/- 0.20 degrees.

The X-ray diffraction pattern of Table I is representative of as-synthesized SSZ-42 zeolites. Minor variations in the diffraction pattern can result from variations in the silica-to-alumina or silica-to-boron mole ratio of the particular sample due to changes in lattice constants. In addition, sufficiently small crystals will affect the shape and intensity of peaks, leading to significant peak broadening.

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01 After calcination, the SSZ-42 zeolites have a crystalline  
02 structure whose X-ray powder diffraction pattern include the  
03 characteristic lines shown in Table II:

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05 TABLE II  
06 CALCINED SSZ-42

07	<u>2Theta</u>	<u>d/n</u>	<u>100 I/I<sub>0</sub></u>
08			
09	8.22	10.75	100
10	9.76	9.06	13
11	16.42	5.394	3
12	19.22	4.615	7
13	20.48	4.333	30
14	20.84	4.259	25
15	21.48	4.134	7
16	21.72	4.088	16
17	23.68	3.754	6
18	24.06	3.696	15
19	24.94	3.568	10
20	25.40	3.504	6
21	26.60	3.348	20
22	29.56	3.019	10

23 The variation in the scattering angle (two theta)  
24 measurements, due to instrument error and to indifferences  
25 between individual samples, is estimated at +/- 0.20  
26 degrees.

27 Representative peaks from the X-ray diffraction pattern of  
28 calcined SSZ-42 are shown in Table II. Calcination can also  
29 result in changes in the intensities of the peaks as  
30 compared to patterns of the "as-synthesized" material, as  
31 well as minor shifts in the diffraction pattern. The  
32 zeolite produced by exchanging the metal or other cations  
33 present in the zeolite with various other cations (such as  
34 H<sup>+</sup> or NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) yields essentially the same diffraction pattern,

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01 although again, there may be minor shifts in the interplanar  
02 spacing and variations in the relative intensities of the  
03 peaks. Notwithstanding these minor perturbations, the basic  
04 crystal lattice remains unchanged by these treatments.

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06 The X-ray powder diffraction patterns were determined by  
07 standard techniques. The radiation was the K-alpha/doublet  
08 of copper. A scintillation counter spectrometer with a  
09 strip-chart pen recorder was used. The peak heights  $I$  and  
10 the positions, as a function of  $2\theta$  where  $\theta$  is the Bragg  
11 angle, were read from the relative intensities,  $I/I_0$ , where  $I_0$   
12 is the intensity of the strongest line or peak, and  $d$ , the  
13 interplanar spacing in Angstroms corresponding to the  
14 recorded lines, can be calculated.

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#### The Preparation of SSZ-42 Zeolites

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18 In preparing SSZ-42 zeolites, an N-benzyl-1,4-  
19 diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation or N-benzyl-1-aza-  
20 bicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation may be used as a crystallization  
21 template in a manner known in the molecular sieve art.  
22 Thus, in general, SSZ-42 is prepared by contacting an active  
23 source of one or more oxides selected from the group  
24 consisting of monovalent element oxides, divalent element  
25 oxides, trivalent element oxides, and tetravalent element  
26 oxides with an organocation templating agent.

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28 In practice, SSZ-42 is prepared by a process comprising:

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30 (a) preparing an aqueous solution containing sources  
31 of the oxides listed in Table A above and at least one  
32 N-benzyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation or N-  
33 benzyl-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation templating

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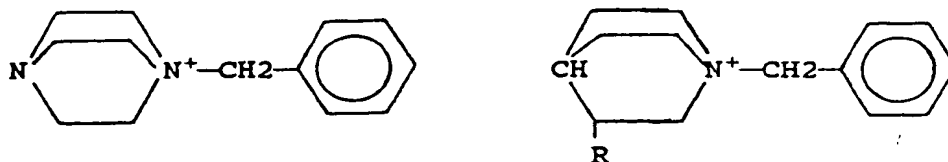
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agent having an anionic counterion which is not detrimental to the formation of SSZ-42;

(b) maintaining the aqueous solution under conditions sufficient to form crystals of SSZ-42; and

(c) recovering the crystals of SSZ-42.

The N-benzyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation and N-benzyl-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation templating agents which have been found to produce SSZ-42 have the following general formulas:



where R is -H, -OH or -NH<sub>2</sub>.

Examples of the N-benzyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation templating agents useful in this invention include, but are not limited to, N-benzyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation, and examples of the N-benzyl-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation templating agents useful in this invention include, but are not limited to, N-benzyl-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation and N-benzyl-3-hydroxy-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation.

SSZ-42 may comprise the crystalline material and the templating agent in combination with metallic and non-metallic oxides bonded in tetrahedral coordination through shared oxygen atoms to form a cross-linked three dimensional crystal structure. The metallic and

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01 non-metallic oxides comprise one or a combination of oxides  
02 selected from the group consisting of one or more trivalent  
03 element(s), and one or more tetravalent element(s). The  
04 trivalent element is preferably selected from the group  
05 consisting of aluminum, boron, gallium, iron, titanium with  
06 at least 50% of the trivalent element being boron. Once the  
07 as-synthesized SSZ-42 material has been made, some or all of  
08 the boron may be replaced with, e.g., aluminum. Thus, in  
09 the calcined version of SSZ-42, the trivalent element is  
10 preferably aluminum, boron or combinations thereof. The  
11 tetravalent element is preferably selected from the group  
12 consisting of silicon, germanium, and combinations thereof.  
13 More preferably, the tetravalent element is silicon.

14  
15 Typical sources of silicon oxide include silicates, silica  
16 hydrogel, silicic acid, fumed silica, colloidal silica,  
17 tetra-alkyl orthosilicates, and silica hydroxides. Boron,  
18 as well as gallium, germanium, titanium, and iron can be  
19 added in forms corresponding to their silicon counterparts,  
20 i.e., as borates, boric acid and the like.

21  
22 Typical sources of aluminum oxide for the reaction mixture  
23 include aluminates, alumina and aluminum compounds such as  
24  $\text{AlCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Al}(\text{SO}_4)_3$ , hydrated  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$ , gels, kaolin clays,  
25 colloidal aluminas, and the like.

26  
27 Alternatively, a zeolite reagent may provide a source of  
28 aluminum or boron. In some cases, the source zeolite may  
29 provide a source of silica. In that case, the source  
30 zeolite in its dealuminated or deboronated form may be used  
31 as a source of silica, with additional silicon added using,  
32 for example, the conventional sources listed above. Use of  
33 a source zeolite reagent as a source of alumina for the  
34 present process is described in U.S. Patent No. 4,503,024

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01 issued on March 5, 1985 to Bourgogne, et al. entitled  
02 "PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SYNTHETIC ZEOLITES, AND  
03 ZEOLITES OBTAINED BY SAID PROCESS", the disclosure of which  
04 is incorporated herein by reference.  
05

06 Typically, an alkali metal hydroxide and/or an alkaline  
07 earth metal hydroxide, such as the hydroxide of sodium,  
08 potassium, lithium, cesium, rubidium, calcium, and  
09 magnesium, is used in the reaction mixture; however, this  
10 component can be omitted so long as the equivalent basicity  
11 is maintained. The templating agent may be used to provide  
12 hydroxide ion. Thus, it may be beneficial to ion exchange,  
13 for example, a hydroxide anion for a halide ion in the  
14 templating agent, thereby reducing or eliminating the alkali  
15 or alkaline earth metal hydroxide quantity required. The  
16 alkali metal cation or alkaline earth cation may be part of  
17 the as-synthesized crystalline oxide material, in order to  
18 balance valence electron charges therein.  
19

20 The reaction mixture is maintained at an elevated  
21 temperature until the crystals of the SSZ-42 zeolite are  
22 formed. This hydrothermal crystallization is usually  
23 conducted under autogenous pressure, at a temperature  
24 between 100°C (212°F) and 200°C (392°F), preferably between  
25 135°C (275°F) and 180°C (356°F). The crystallization period  
26 is typically greater than 1 day and preferably from about 3  
27 days to about 7 days. The zeolite can be prepared with or  
28 without mild stirring or agitation.  
29

30 During the hydrothermal crystallization step, the SSZ-42  
31 crystals can be allowed to nucleate spontaneously from the  
32 reaction mixture. However, the use of SSZ-42 crystals as  
33 seed material can be advantageous in decreasing the time  
34 necessary for complete crystallization to occur. In

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01 addition, seeding can lead to an increased purity of the  
02 product obtained by promoting the nucleation and/or  
03 formation of SSZ-42 over any undesired phases. When used as  
04 seeds, SSZ-42 crystals are added in an amount between 0.1  
05 and 10% of the weight of silica used in the reaction  
06 mixture.

07  
08 Once the zeolite crystals have formed, the solid product is  
09 separated from the reaction mixture by standard mechanical  
10 separation techniques such as filtration. The crystals are  
11 water-washed and then dried, e.g., at 90°C (194°F) to 150°C  
12 (302°F) for from 8 to 24 hours, to obtain the  
13 as-synthesized, SSZ-42 zeolite crystals. The drying step  
14 can be performed at atmospheric pressure or under vacuum.

15  
16 Crystalline SSZ-42 can be used as-synthesized or can be  
17 thermally treated (calcined). Usually, it is desirable to  
18 remove the alkali or alkaline earth metal cation by ion  
19 exchange and replace it with hydrogen, ammonium, or any  
20 desired metal ion. The zeolite can be leached with  
21 chelating agents, e.g., EDTA or dilute acid solutions, to  
22 increase the silica to alumina mole ratio. The zeolite can  
23 also be steamed; steaming helps stabilize the crystalline  
24 lattice to attack from acids. The zeolite can be used in  
25 intimate combination with hydrogenating components, such as  
26 tungsten, vanadium, molybdenum, rhenium, nickel, cobalt,  
27 chromium, manganese, or a noble metal, such as palladium or  
28 platinum, for those applications in which a  
29 hydrogenation-dehydrogenation function is desired.

30  
31 Metals may also be introduced into the zeolite by replacing  
32 some of the cations in the zeolite with metal cations via  
33 ion exchange techniques. Typical replacing cations can  
34 include metal cations, e.g., rare earth, Group IIA and Group

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01 VIII metals, as well as their mixtures. Of the replacing  
02 metallic cations, cations of metals such as rare earth, Mn,  
03 Ca, Mg, Zn, Cd, Pt, Pd, Ni, Co, Ti, Al, Sn, and Fe are  
04 particularly preferred.

05  
06 The hydrogen, ammonium, and metal components can be  
07 ion-exchanged into the SSZ-42. The zeolite can also be  
08 impregnated with the metals, or the metals can be physically  
09 and intimately admixed with the zeolite using standard  
10 methods known to the art.

11  
12 Typical ion-exchange techniques involve contacting the  
13 synthetic zeolite with a solution containing a salt of the  
14 desired replacing cation or cations. Although a wide  
15 variety of salts can be employed, chlorides and other  
16 halides, acetates, nitrates, and sulfates are particularly  
17 preferred. The zeolite is usually calcined prior to the  
18 ion-exchange procedure to remove the organic matter present  
19 in the channels and on the surface, since this results in a  
20 more effective ion exchange. Representative ion exchange  
21 techniques are disclosed in a wide variety of patents  
22 including U.S. Patent Nos. 3,140,249 issued on July 7, 1964  
23 to Plank, et al.; 3,140,251 issued on July 7, 1964 to  
24 Plank, et al.; and 3,140,253 issued on July 7, 1964 to  
25 Plank, et al., each of which is incorporated by reference  
26 herein.

27  
28 Following contact with the salt solution of the desired  
29 replacing cation, the zeolite is typically washed with water  
30 and dried at temperatures ranging from 65°C (149°F) to about  
31 200°C (392°F). After washing, the zeolite can be calcined  
32 in air or inert gas at temperatures ranging from about 200°C  
33 (392°F) to about 800°C (1472°F) for periods of time ranging  
34 from 1 to 48 hours, or more, to produce a catalytically

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01 active product especially useful in hydrocarbon conversion  
02 processes.

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04 Regardless of the cations present in the synthesized form of  
05 SSZ-42, the spatial arrangement of the atoms which form the  
06 basic crystal lattice of the zeolite remains essentially  
07 unchanged. The exchange of cations has little, if any  
08 effect on the zeolite lattice structure.

09

10 SSZ-42 can be formed into a wide variety of physical shapes.  
11 Generally speaking, the zeolite can be in the form of a  
12 powder, a granule, or a molded product, such as extrudate  
13 having a particle size sufficient to pass through a 2-mesh  
14 (Tyler) screen and be retained on a 400-mesh (Tyler) screen.  
15 In cases where the catalyst is molded, such as by extrusion  
16 with an organic binder, the zeolite can be extruded before  
17 drying, or, dried or partially dried and then extruded.

18

19 SSZ-42 can be composited with other materials resistant to  
20 the temperatures and other conditions employed in organic  
21 conversion processes. Such matrix materials include active  
22 and inactive materials and synthetic or naturally occurring  
23 zeolites as well as inorganic materials such as clays,  
24 silica and metal oxides. Examples of such materials and the  
25 manner in which they can be used are disclosed in United  
26 States Patent No. 4,910,006, issued May 20, 1990 to Zones  
27 et al., and copending U.S. Patent Application No. 959,205,  
28 filed October 9, 1992 entitled "ZEOLITE SSZ-35", both of  
29 which are incorporated by reference herein in their  
30 entirety.

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01                   Hydrocarbon Conversion Processes

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03   SSZ-42 zeolites are useful in hydrocarbon conversion  
04   reactions. Hydrocarbon conversion reactions are chemical  
05   and catalytic processes in which carbon containing compounds  
06   are changed to different carbon containing compounds.  
07   Examples of hydrocarbon conversion reactions in which SSZ-42  
08   are expected to be useful include catalytic cracking,  
09   hydrocracking, dewaxing, alkylation, and olefin and  
10   aromatics formation reactions. The catalysts are also  
11   expected to be useful in other petroleum refining and  
12   hydrocarbon conversion reactions such as isomerizing  
13   n-paraffins and naphthenes, polymerizing and oligomerizing  
14   olefinic or acetylenic compounds such as isobutylene and  
15   butene-1, reforming, alkylating, isomerizing polyalkyl  
16   substituted aromatics (e.g., m-xylene), and  
17   disproportionating aromatics (e.g., toluene) to provide  
18   mixtures of benzene, xylenes and higher methylbenzenes and  
19   oxidation reactions. The SSZ-42 catalysts have high  
20   selectivity, and under hydrocarbon conversion conditions can  
21   provide a high percentage of desired products relative to  
22   total products.

23

24   SSZ-42 zeolites can be used in processing hydrocarbonaceous  
25   feedstocks. Hydrocarbonaceous feedstocks contain carbon  
26   compounds and can be from many different sources, such as  
27   virgin petroleum fractions, recycle petroleum fractions,  
28   shale oil, liquefied coal, tar sand oil, and, in general,  
29   can be any carbon containing fluid susceptible to zeolitic  
30   catalytic reactions. Depending on the type of processing  
31   the hydrocarbonaceous feed is to undergo, the feed can  
32   contain metal or be free of metals, it can also have high or  
33   low nitrogen or sulfur impurities. It can be appreciated,  
34   however, that in general processing will be more efficient

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01 (and the catalyst more active) the lower the metal,  
02 nitrogen, and sulfur content of the feedstock.

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04 The conversion of hydrocarbonaceous feeds can take place in  
05 any convenient mode, for example, in fluidized bed, moving  
06 bed, or fixed bed reactors depending on the types of process  
07 desired. The formulation of the catalyst particles will  
08 vary depending on the conversion process and method of  
09 operation.

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11 Other reactions which can be performed using the catalyst of  
12 this invention containing a metal, e.g., a Group VIII metal  
13 such platinum, include hydrogenation-dehydrogenation  
14 reactions, denitrogenation and desulfurization reactions.

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16 SSZ-42 can be used in hydrocarbon conversion reactions with  
17 active or inactive supports, with organic or inorganic  
18 binders, and with and without added metals. These reactions  
19 are well known to the art, as are the reaction conditions.

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### Hydrocracking

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23 Using SSZ-42 catalyst which contains a hydrogenation  
24 promoter, heavy petroleum residual feedstocks, cyclic stocks  
25 and other hydrocrackate charge stocks can be hydrocracked  
26 using the process conditions and catalyst components  
27 disclosed in the aforementioned U.S. Patent No. 4,910,006  
28 and U.S. Patent Application No. 959,205. Typically, these  
29 feedstocks can be hydrocracked at hydrocracking conditions  
30 including a temperature in the range of from 175°C (347°F)  
31 to 485°C (905°F), molar ratios of hydrogen to hydrocarbon  
32 charge from 1 to 100, a pressure in the range of from 0.5 to  
33 350 bar, and a liquid hourly space velocity (LHSV) in the  
34 range of from 0.1 to 30.



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01 The hydrocracking catalysts contain an effective amount of  
02 at least one hydrogenation component of the type commonly  
03 employed in hydrocracking catalysts. The hydrogenation  
04 component is generally selected from the group of  
05 hydrogenation catalysts consisting of one or more metals of  
06 Group VIB and Group VIII, including the salts, complexes and  
07 solutions containing such. The hydrogenation catalyst is  
08 preferably selected from the group of metals, salts and  
09 complexes thereof of the group consisting of at least one of  
10 platinum, palladium, rhodium, iridium and mixtures thereof  
11 or the group consisting of at least one of nickel,  
12 molybdenum, cobalt, tungsten, titanium, chromium and  
13 mixtures thereof. Reference to the catalytically active  
14 metal or metals is intended to encompass such metal or  
15 metals in the elemental state or in some form such as an  
16 oxide, sulfide, halide, carboxylate and the like.

17  
18 The hydrogenation catalyst is present in an effective amount  
19 to provide the hydrogenation function of the hydrocracking  
20 catalyst, and preferably in the range of from 0.05 to 25% by  
21 weight.

#### 22 Dewaxing

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24  
25 SSZ-42 can be used to dewax hydrocarbonaceous feeds by  
26 selectively removing straight chain paraffins. The  
27 catalytic dewaxing conditions are dependent in large measure  
28 on the feed used and upon the desired pour point.  
29 Generally, the temperature will be between about 200°C  
30 (392°F) and about 475°C (887°F), preferably between about  
31 250°C (482°F) and about 450°C (842°F). The pressure is  
32 typically between about 15 psig and about 3000 psig,  
33 preferably between about 200 psig and 3000 psig. The liquid  
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01 hourly space velocity (LHSV) preferably will be from 0.1 to  
02 20, preferably between about 0.2 and about 10.

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04 Hydrogen is preferably present in the reaction zone during  
05 the catalytic dewaxing process. The hydrogen to feed ratio  
06 is typically between about 500 and about 30,000 SCF/bbl  
07 (standard cubic feet per barrel), preferably about 1000 to  
08 about 20,000 SCF/bbl. Generally, hydrogen will be separated  
09 from the product and recycled to the reaction zone. Typical  
10 feedstocks include light gas oil, heavy gas oils and reduced  
11 crudes boiling about 177°C (350°F).

12

13 The SSZ-42 hydrodewaxing catalyst may optionally contain a  
14 hydrogenation component of the type commonly employed in  
15 dewaxing catalysts. See the aforementioned U.S. Patent  
16 No. 4,910,006 and U.S. Patent Application No. 959,205 for  
17 examples of these hydrogenation components. The  
18 hydrogenation component is present in an effective amount to  
19 provide an effective hydrodewaxing and hydroisomerization  
20 catalyst preferably in the range of from about 0.05 to 5% by  
21 weight. The catalyst may be run in such a mode to increase  
22 isodewaxing at the expense of cracking reactions.

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#### Aromatics Formation

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26 SSZ-42 can be used to convert light straight run naphthas  
27 and similar mixtures to highly aromatic mixtures. Thus,  
28 normal and slightly branched chained hydrocarbons,  
29 preferably having a boiling range above about 40°C (104°F)  
30 and less than about 300°C (572°F), can be converted to  
31 products having a substantial higher octane aromatics  
32 content by contacting the hydrocarbon feed with the zeolite  
33 at a temperature in the range of from about 400°C (752°F) to  
34 600°C (1112°F), preferably 480°C (896°F) to 550°C (1022°F)

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01 at pressures ranging from atmospheric to 10 bar, and liquid  
02 hourly space velocities (LHSV) ranging from 0.1 to 15.

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04 The conversion catalyst preferably contains a Group VIII  
05 metal compound to have sufficient activity for commercial  
06 use. By Group VIII metal compound as used herein is meant  
07 the metal itself or a compound thereof. The Group VIII  
08 noble metals and their compounds, platinum, palladium, and  
09 iridium, or combinations thereof can be used. Rhenium or  
10 tin or a mixture thereof may also be used in conjunction  
11 with the Group VIII metal compound and preferably a noble  
12 metal compound. The most preferred metal is platinum. The  
13 amount of Group VIII metal present in the conversion  
14 catalyst should be within the normal range of use in  
15 reforming catalysts, from about 0.05 to 2.0 weight percent,  
16 preferably 0.2 to 0.8 weight percent.

17

18 It is critical to the selective production of aromatics in  
19 useful quantities that the conversion catalyst be  
20 substantially free of acidity, for example, by neutralizing  
21 the zeolite with a basic metal, e.g., alkali metal,  
22 compound. Methods for rendering the catalyst free of  
23 acidity are known in the art. See the aforementioned U.S.  
24 Patent No. 4,910,006 and U.S. Patent Application No. 959,205  
25 for a description of such methods.

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27 The preferred alkali metals are sodium, potassium, and  
28 cesium. The zeolite itself can be substantially free of  
29 acidity only at very high silica:alumina mole ratios; by  
30 "zeolite consisting essentially of silica" is meant a  
31 zeolite which is substantially free of acidity without base  
32 neutralization.

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01                                    Catalytic Cracking

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03     Hydrocarbon cracking stocks can be catalytically cracked in  
04     the absence of hydrogen using SSZ-42 at liquid hourly space  
05     velocities from 0.5 to 50, temperatures from about 127°C  
06     (260°F) to 885°C (1625°F) and pressures from subatmospheric  
07     to several hundred atmospheres, typically from about  
08     atmospheric to about 5 atmospheres.

09

10     For this purpose, the SSZ-42 catalyst can be composited with  
11     mixtures of inorganic oxide supports as well as a  
12     traditional large pore crystalline cracking catalyst.

13

14     As in the case of hydrocracking catalysts, when SSZ-42 is  
15     used as a catalytic cracking catalyst in the absence of  
16     hydrogen, the catalyst may be employed in conjunction with  
17     traditional cracking catalysts, e.g., any aluminosilicate  
18     heretofore employed as a component in cracking catalysts.  
19     Examples of these traditional cracking catalysts are  
20     disclosed in the aforementioned U.S. Patent No. 4,910,006  
21     and U.S. Patent Application No. 959,205. When a traditional  
22     cracking catalyst (TC) component is employed, the relative  
23     weight ratio of the TC to the SSZ-42 is generally between  
24     about 1:10 and about 500:1, desirably between about 1:10 and  
25     about 200:1, preferably between about 1:2 and about 50:1,  
26     and most preferably is between about 1:1 and about 20:1.

27

28     The cracking catalysts are typically employed with an  
29     inorganic oxide matrix component. See the aforementioned  
30     U.S. Patent No. 4,910,006 and U.S. Patent Application  
31     No. 959,205 for examples of such matrix components.

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01                                   Oligomerization

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03     It is expected that SSZ-42 can also be used to oligomerize  
04     straight and branched chain olefins having from about 2 to  
05     21 and preferably 2-5 carbon atoms. The oligomers which are  
06     the products of the process are medium to heavy olefins  
07     which are useful for both fuels, i.e., gasoline or a  
08     gasoline blending stock and chemicals.

09

10     The oligomerization process comprises contacting the olefin  
11     feedstock in the gaseous state phase with SSZ-42 at a  
12     temperature of from about 232°C (450°F) to about 649°C  
13     (1200°F), a LHSV of from about 0.2 to about 50 and a  
14     hydrocarbon partial pressure of from about 0.1 to about 50  
15     atmospheres.

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17     Also, temperatures below about 232°C (450°F) may be used to  
18     oligomerize the feedstock, when the feedstock is in the  
19     liquid phase when contacting the zeolite catalyst. Thus,  
20     when the olefin feedstock contacts the zeolite catalyst in  
21     the liquid phase, temperatures of from about 10°C (50°F) to  
22     about 232°C (450°F), and preferably from 27°C (80°F) to  
23     204°C (400°F) may be used and a WHSV of from about 0.05 to  
24     20 and preferably 0.1 to 10. It will be appreciated that  
25     the pressures employed must be sufficient to maintain the  
26     system in the liquid phase. As is known in the art, the  
27     pressure will be a function of the number of carbon atoms of  
28     the feed olefin and the temperature. Suitable pressures  
29     include from about 0 psig to about 3000 psig.

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31     The zeolite can have the original cations associated  
32     therewith replaced by a wide variety of other cations.  
33     according to techniques well known in the art. Typical  
34     cations would include hydrogen, ammonium and metal cations

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01 including mixtures of the same. Of the replacing metallic  
02 cations, particular preference is given to cations of metals  
03 such as rare earth metals, manganese, calcium, as well as  
04 metals of Group II of the Periodic Table, e.g., zinc, and  
05 Group VIII of the Periodic Table, e.g., nickel. One of the  
06 prime requisites is that the zeolite have a fairly low  
07 aromatization activity, i.e., in which the amount of  
08 aromatics produced is not more than about 20% by weight.  
09 This is accomplished by using a zeolite with controlled acid  
10 activity (alpha value) of from about 0.1 to about 120,  
11 preferably from about 0.1 to about 100, as measured by its  
12 ability to crack n-hexane.

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14 Alpha values are defined by a standard test known in the  
15 art, e.g., as shown in U.S. Patent No. 3,960,978 issued on  
16 June 1, 1976 to Givens, et al. which is incorporated totally  
17 herein by reference. If required, such zeolites may be  
18 obtained by steaming, by use in a conversion process or by  
19 any other method which may occur to one skilled in this art.

20  
21 SSZ-42 can be used to convert light gas  $C_2$ - $C_4$  paraffins  
22 and/or olefins to higher molecular weight hydrocarbons  
23 including aromatic compounds. Operating temperatures of  
24 100°C (212°F) to 700°C (1292°F), operating pressures of 0 to  
25 1000 psig and space velocities of 0.5-40 hr<sup>-1</sup> WHSV (weight  
26 hourly space velocity) can be used to convert the  $C_2$ - $C_4$   
27 paraffin and/or olefins to aromatic compounds. Preferably,  
28 the zeolite will contain a catalyst metal or metal oxide  
29 wherein said metal is selected from the group consisting of  
30 Groups IB, IIB, VIII and IIIA of the Periodic Table, and  
31 most preferably gallium or zinc and in the range of from  
32 about 0.05% to 5% by weight.

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01                                   Condensation of Alcohols

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03    SSZ-42 can be used to condense lower aliphatic alcohols  
04    having 1 to 10 carbon atoms to a gasoline boiling point  
05    hydrocarbon product comprising mixed aliphatic and aromatic  
06    hydrocarbon. The condensation reaction proceeds at a  
07    temperature of about 260°C (500°F) to 538°C (1000°F), a  
08    pressure of about 0.5 psig to 1000 psig and a space velocity  
09    of about 0.5 to 50 WHSV. The process disclosed in U.S.  
10    Patent No. 3,894,107 issued July 8, 1975 to Butter et al.,  
11    describes the process conditions used in this process, which  
12    patent is incorporated totally herein by reference.

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14    The catalyst may be in the hydrogen form or may be base  
15    exchanged or impregnated to contain ammonium or a metal  
16    cation complement, preferably in the range of from about  
17    0.05 to 5% by weight. The metal cations that may be present  
18    include any of the metals of the Groups I through VIII of  
19    the Periodic Table. However, in the case of Group IA  
20    metals, the cation content should in no case be so large as  
21    to effectively inactivate the catalyst.

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23                                   Isomerization

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25    The present catalyst is highly active and highly selective  
26    for isomerizing C<sub>4</sub> to C<sub>7</sub> hydrocarbons. The activity means  
27    that the catalyst can operate at relatively low temperature  
28    which thermodynamically favors highly branched paraffins.  
29    Consequently, the catalyst can produce a high octane  
30    product. The high selectivity means that a relatively high  
31    liquid yield can be achieved when the catalyst is run at a  
32    high octane.

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01 The present process comprises contacting the isomerization  
02 catalyst with a hydrocarbon feed under isomerization  
03 conditions. The feed is preferably a light straight run  
04 fraction, boiling within the range of  $-1.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $30^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) to  $121^{\circ}\text{C}$   
05 ( $250^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and preferably from  $16^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $60^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) to  $93^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $200^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).  
06 Preferably, the hydrocarbon feed for the process comprises a  
07 substantial amount of  $\text{C}_4$  to  $\text{C}_8$  normal and slightly branched  
08 low octane hydrocarbons, more preferably  $\text{C}_5$  and  $\text{C}_6$   
09 hydrocarbons.

10

11 The pressure in the process is preferably between 50 psig  
12 and 1000 psig, more preferably between 100 psig and  
13 500 psig. The liquid hourly space velocity (LHSV) is  
14 preferably between about 1 to about 10 with a value in the  
15 range of about 1 to about 4 being more preferred. It is  
16 also preferable to carry out the isomerization reaction in  
17 the presence of hydrogen. Preferably, hydrogen is added to  
18 give a hydrogen to hydrocarbon ratio ( $\text{H}_2/\text{HC}$ ) of between 0.5  
19 and 10  $\text{H}_2/\text{HC}$ , more preferably between 1 and 8  $\text{H}_2/\text{HC}$ . The  
20 temperature is preferably between about  $93^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $200^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and  
21 about  $538^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $1000^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), more preferably between  $204^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $400^{\circ}\text{F}$ )  
22 and  $316^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $600^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). See the aforementioned U.S. Patent  
23 No. 4,910,006 and U.S. Patent Application No. 959,205 for a  
24 further discussion of isomerization process conditions.

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26 A low sulfur feed is especially preferred in the present  
27 process. The feed preferably contains less than 10 ppm,  
28 more preferably less than 1 ppm, and most preferably less  
29 than 0.1 ppm sulfur. In the case of a feed which is not  
30 already low in sulfur, acceptable levels can be reached by  
31 hydrogenating the feed in a presaturation zone with a  
32 hydrogenating catalyst which is resistant to sulfur  
33 poisoning. See the aforementioned U.S. Patent No. 4,910,006

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01 and U.S. Patent Application No. 959,205 for a further  
02 discussion of this hydrodesulfurization process.

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04 It is preferable to limit the nitrogen level and the water  
05 content of the feed. Catalysts and processes which are  
06 suitable for these purposes are known to those skilled in  
07 the art.

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09 After a period of operation, the catalyst can become  
10 deactivated by sulfur or coke. See the aforementioned U.S.  
11 Patent No. 4,910,006 and U.S. Patent Application No. 959,205  
12 for a further discussion of methods of removing this sulfur  
13 and coke, and of regenerating the catalyst.

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15 The conversion catalyst preferably contains a Group VIII  
16 metal compound to have sufficient activity for commercial  
17 use. By Group VIII metal compound as used herein is meant  
18 the metal itself or a compound thereof. The Group VIII  
19 noble metals and their compounds, platinum, palladium, and  
20 iridium, or combinations thereof can be used. Rhenium and  
21 tin may also be used in conjunction with the noble metal.  
22 The most preferred metal is platinum. The amount of  
23 Group VIII metal present in the conversion catalyst should  
24 be within the normal range of use in isomerizing catalysts,  
25 from about 0.05 to 2.0 weight percent, preferably 0.2 to  
26 0.8 weight percent.

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28 The isomerization catalyst may also be calcined in a  
29 steam/air mixture at an elevated temperature after  
30 impregnation with the Group VIII metal, preferably platinum.

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Alkylation and Transalkylation

SSZ-42 can be used in a process for the alkylation or transalkylation of an aromatic hydrocarbon. The process comprises contacting the aromatic hydrocarbon with a  $C_2$  to  $C_{16}$  olefin alkylating agent or a polyalkyl aromatic hydrocarbon transalkylating agent, under at least partial liquid phase conditions, and in the presence of a catalyst comprising SSZ-42.

SSZ-42 can also be used for removing benzene from gasoline by alkylating the benzene as described above and removing the alkylated product from the gasoline.

For high catalytic activity, the SSZ-42 zeolite should be predominantly in its hydrogen ion form. Generally, the zeolite is converted to its hydrogen form by ammonium exchange followed by calcination. If the zeolite is synthesized with a high enough ratio of organo-nitrogen cation to sodium ion, calcination alone may be sufficient. It is preferred that, after calcination, at least 80% of the cation sites are occupied by hydrogen ions and/or rare earth ions.

The pure SSZ-42 zeolite may be used as a catalyst, but generally it is preferred to mix the zeolite powder with an inorganic oxide binder such as alumina, silica, silica/alumina, or naturally occurring clays and form the mixture into tablets or extrudates. The final catalyst may contain from 1 to 99 weight percent SSZ-42 zeolite. Usually the zeolite content will range from 10 to 90 weight percent, and more typically from 60 to 80 weight percent. The preferred inorganic binder is alumina. The mixture may be

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01   formed into tablets or extrudates having the desired shape  
02   by methods well known in the art.

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04   Examples of suitable aromatic hydrocarbon feedstocks which  
05   may be alkylated or transalkylated by the process of the  
06   invention include aromatic compounds such as benzene,  
07   toluene and xylene. The preferred aromatic hydrocarbon is  
08   benzene. Mixtures of aromatic hydrocarbons may also be  
09   employed.

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11   Suitable olefins for the alkylation of the aromatic  
12   hydrocarbon are those containing 2 to 20, preferably 2 to  
13   4, carbon atoms, such as ethylene, propylene, butene-1,  
14   trans-butene-2 and cis-butene-2, or mixtures thereof. The  
15   preferred olefin is propylene. These olefins may be present  
16   in admixture with the corresponding C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>20</sub> paraffins, but  
17   it is preferable to remove any dienes, acetylenes, sulfur  
18   compounds or nitrogen compounds which may be present in the  
19   olefin feedstock stream, to prevent rapid catalyst  
20   deactivation. Longer chain alpha olefins may be used as  
21   well.

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23   When transalkylation is desired, the transalkylating agent  
24   is a polyalkyl aromatic hydrocarbon containing two or more  
25   alkyl groups that each may have from 2 to about 4 carbon  
26   atoms. For example, suitable polyalkyl aromatic  
27   hydrocarbons include di-, tri- and tetra-alkyl aromatic  
28   hydrocarbons, such as diethylbenzene, triethylbenzene,  
29   diethylmethylbenzene (diethyltoluene), di-isopropylbenzene,  
30   di-isopropyltoluene, dibutylbenzene, and the like.  
31   Preferred polyalkyl aromatic hydrocarbons are the dialkyl  
32   benzenes. A particularly preferred polyalkyl aromatic  
33   hydrocarbon is di-isopropylbenzene.

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01 When alkylation is the process conducted, reaction  
02 conditions are as follows. The aromatic hydrocarbon feed  
03 should be present in stoichiometric excess. It is preferred  
04 that molar ratio of aromatics to olefins be greater than  
05 four-to-one to prevent rapid catalyst fouling. The reaction  
06 temperature may range from 38°C (100°F) to 316°C (600°F),  
07 preferably 121° (250°F) to 232°C (450°F). The reaction  
08 pressure should be sufficient to maintain at least a partial  
09 liquid phase in order to retard catalyst fouling. This is  
10 typically 50 psig to 1000 psig depending on the feedstock  
11 and reaction temperature. Contact time may range from  
12 10 seconds to 10 hours, but is usually from 5 minutes to an  
13 hour. The weight hourly space velocity (WHSV), in terms of  
14 grams (pounds) of aromatic hydrocarbon and olefin per gram  
15 (pound) of catalyst per hour, is generally within the range  
16 of about 0.5 to 50.

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18 When transalkylation is the process conducted, the molar  
19 ratio of aromatic hydrocarbon will generally range from  
20 about 1:1 to 25:1, and preferably from about 2:1 to 20:1.  
21 The reaction temperature may range from about 38°C (100°F)  
22 to 316°C (600°F), but it is preferably about 121°C (250°F)  
23 to 232°C (450°F). The reaction pressure should be  
24 sufficient to maintain at least a partial liquid phase,  
25 typically in the range of about 50 psig to 1000 psig,  
26 preferably 300 psig to 600 psig. The weight hourly space  
27 velocity will range from about 0.1 to 10. U.S. Patent  
28 No. 5,082,990 issued on January 21, 1992 to Hsieh, et al.  
29 describes such processes and is incorporated herein by  
30 reference.

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32 SSZ-42 can also be used as an adsorbent with high  
33 selectivities based on molecular sieve behavior and also  
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01 based upon preferential hydrocarbon packing within the  
02 pores.

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#### Xylene Isomerization

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06 SSZ-42 may also be useful in a process for isomerizing one  
07 or more xylene isomers in a C<sub>8</sub> aromatic feed to obtain  
08 ortho-, meta- and para-xylene in a ratio approaching the  
09 equilibrium value. In particular, xylene isomerization is  
10 used in conjunction with a separation process to manufacture  
11 para-xylene. For example, a portion of the para-xylene in a  
12 mixed C<sub>8</sub> aromatics stream may be recovered by  
13 crystallization and centrifugation. The mother liquor from  
14 the crystallizer is then reacted under xylene isomerization  
15 conditions to restore ortho-, meta- and para-xylenes to a  
16 near equilibrium ratio. At the same time, part of the  
17 ethylbenzene in the mother liquor is converted to xylenes or  
18 to products which are easily separated by distillation. The  
19 isomerate is blended with fresh feed and the combined stream  
20 is distilled to remove heavy and light by-products. The  
21 resultant C<sub>8</sub> aromatics stream is then sent to the  
22 crystallizer to repeat the cycle.

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#### EXAMPLES

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26 The following examples demonstrate but do not limit the  
27 present invention.

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Example 1

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03     Synthesis of N-benzyl-1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation

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05     145 Grams of 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (commonly  
06     referred to as "DABCO") was dissolved in 2.5 liters of ethyl  
07     acetate and chilled to 0°C (32°F). 209 Grams of benzyl  
08     bromide was added dropwise while the chilled solution was  
09     stirred. Caution should be exercised because the reaction  
10     is rapid and requires cooling. The product was collected by  
11     filtration and recrystallized from a minimum of warm  
12     methanol. The recrystallized product gave a microanalysis  
13     and NMR pattern consistent with the 1:1 adduct. The  
14     quaternary ammonium compound was ion exchanged using  
15     hydroxide exchange resin AG1-X8 from BioRad. The exchanged  
16     solution was titrated for molarity and the yield of exchange  
17     was greater than 90%. The resulting compound was designated  
18     Template A.

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Example 2

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22     Synthesis of 1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane cation

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24     The procedure of Example 1 was repeated using the same molar  
25     quantity of 1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (commonly referred to  
26     as "quinuclidine") as the DABCO in Example 1. This compound  
27     was designated Template B.

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Example 3

The procedure of Example 1 was repeated using the same molar quantity of 3-hydroxy-1-azabicyclo[2.2.2]octane in place of the DABCO. The resulting compound was designated Template C.

Example 4

Synthesis of SSZ-42

3 Millimoles of Template A as a 5.5 ml aqueous solution was used to dissolve 0.06 gram sodium borate decahydrate, and 0.6 gram Cabosil M5 silica was slurried into the resulting solution. The reaction mixture was heated in a Teflon cup of a stainless steel reactor at 150°C (302°F) for 17 days without agitation. A crystalline product formed which was isolated and identified as SSZ-42 by its X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern.

Examples 5-11

Synthesis of SSZ-42

Procedures similar to that of Example 4 was used to prepare SSZ-42 using the materials and amounts shown in Table C below.

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TABLE C

Ex. No.	Template mM	Borate, gms	Water, ml	Cabosil gms	Temp. °C (°F)	Time (days)
5	A, 16.3	0.38	42	3.26	150 (302)	3
6	B, 32	0.80	80	6.0	140 (284)	4
7	C, 4.8	0.11, 1N NaOH	13	0.96	150 (302)	18
8	A, 53	1.25	143	11.0	150 (302)	4
9	A, 2.5	0.17	10	0.75	150 (302)	3
10	A, 2.5	0.044	10	0.75	150 (302)	3
11	A, 667	22.67	1800	200	150 (302)	5

In Examples 5-11, all of the reactions were seeded with SSZ-42 in the as-synthesized form to the extent of about 1% of the silica. Examples 6 and 11 were stirred at 100 RPM.

The XRD data for the as-synthesized (but not calcined) SSZ-42 prepared in Example 11 is shown in Table III below.



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TABLE III			
	<u>2Theta</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>I/I<sub>0</sub></u>
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04	8.219	10.7487	76.3
05	9.707	9.1041	6.1
06	13.641	6.4861	7.3
07	15.272	5.7968	3.2
08	16.033	5.5234	7.9
09	16.475	5.3762	13.6
10	19.125	4.6368	19.6
11	19.497	4.5492	4.2
12	20.597	4.3086	100.0
13	21.544	4.1213	21.0
14	21.760	4.0809	46.0
15	23.873	3.7243	31.8
16	24.337	3.6543	1.8
17	24.903	3.5725	10.5
18	25.349	3.5107	9.0
19	26.211	3.3971	22.3
20	26.751	3.3298	22.1
21	27.428	3.2491	2.5
22	27.704	3.2173	3.0
23	28.371	3.1432	7.7
24	28.934	3.0833	2.2
25	29.407	3.0348	15.3
26	30.185	3.9583	3.1
27	31.310	2.8545	1.6
28	31.784	2.8130	7.9
29	32.406	2.7605	3.1
30	33.315	2.6872	5.2
31	34.024	2.6328	6.1
32	34.721	2.5815	4.2
33	35.437	2.5310	3.4
34	35.777	2.5077	3.5
	36.150	2.4827	4.3
	36.477	2.4612	1.4
	36.878	2.4353	6.8
	40.599	2.2203	2.5

